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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004 for two (2) month(s) May 9, 2004 to July 11, 2005 (due to July 9, 2005 falling on a Saturday). An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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